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## WVCPD Searching for Victims of Child Sex Offender

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The West Valley City Police Department is asking for the public's help in identifying potential victims of a child sex offender. Michael Alan Jordan, 34, was booked into the Salt Lake County Jail on September 23, 2014 on allegations that he sexually abused multiple children (specifically young boys) in recent years. Through numerous search warrants, forensic examinations and interviews, detectives have identified multiple victims throughout the investigation, but they believe more victims may be out there.

Jordan is currently being held in the Salt Lake County Jail on a \$500,007 warrant filed by the Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office in 3rd District Court charging 19 felony counts of Aggravated Sexual Abuse of a child, Sodomy on a Child, Forcible Sodomy, Sexual Exploitation of a Minor, and Dealing in Harmful Materials to Minors. These cases involved use of text messaging, instant messaging, email, social media, and internet trading. Some of these victims have been identified, and some have not.

Jordan was a leader in the Boy Scouts of America organization from 2010 to 2014 and active in his local LDS churches in West Valley City and Taylorsville. The sexual abuse cases on which Jordan is currently held are *not* linked to Jordan's affiliation with either of these groups, however, these affiliations would likely have put Jordan in close contact with minors. Because of the egregious nature of Jordan's alleged sex abuse offenses, we are concerned that there could be more victims who have not yet come forward. Jordan has a history of threatening victims with disclosure or publication of graphic details to keep them quiet.

The WVCPD is asking anyone familiar with Michael Alan Jordan to discuss this issue with their children, some of whom would now be adults, and ask that anyone with questions or potential victim information regarding Michael Alan Jordan call WVPD Detective Jaron Averett at 801-963-3415, or email him at jaron.averett@wvc-ut.gov.

There is also assistance available 24 hours a day through our dispatch at 801-840-4000 or our walkin desk at 3575 S. Market Street in West Valley City from 0600-midnight every day.

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